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A Southern Christmas Eve.

'Twas Christmas Eve in a Southern town,
The air was soft and sweet,
And the sinking sun looked lightly down
On the gay and crowded street,
While roses and violets blooming near,
Made my little girl say,
"Is it Christmas here?

"At home the snow is on the ground,
The air is cold and clear,
And greens and holly are hung around
To keep the Christmas cheer.
How can St. Nicholas come in his sleigh,
If all the snow is melted away?

"What will he do with his big fur coat,
The icicles on his hair?
The tinkling bells won't sound a note
With no Jack Frost in the air.
'Twould be just folly, O, mother dear,
To hang up my stocking—no Christmas here!"

"But," I said; "I see the Christmas star,
High in these Southern skies,
And the Christmas light is streaming far
And shines in the people's eyes.
I'm sure St. Nick will find the way
Without Jack Frost and the reindeer sleigh."

Early my little girl went to bed,
That the night might shorter seem;
And scarce had she pillowed her curly head,
Than she dreamed a beautiful dream;
And wondrous music seemed to bear
A message of joy on the balmy air.

Nearer and nearer it seemed to come,
Sweeter and sweeter it grew,
Till the Christmas light was in the room
And the Christmas glory, too;
While the angels' song rang from the sky,
"All glory be to God on high!

"All glory be to God on high,
And peace, good-will on earth!"
Thus joyous rose the angels' cry
To hail our Saviour's birth;
And e'er the radiance passed away,
The light had dawned on Christmas-day.

A MINE OF RUBIES.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

A thin mantle of snow covered the earth like a tattered garment, making the landscape seem unfinished and unbearably dreary.

Arnold Wait regarded the picture of desolation from his car window, half regretting that Duty insisted upon his going up into the country to spend Christmas with his Aunt Ennis, who was as disagreeable as Duty herself, while Pleasure beckoned him over to his favorite Aunt Helen's house in the city.

His Aunt Ennis had sent invitations to her three nephews for Christmas day, and while two of the young men had sent regrets, Arnold, who had a soft heart, could not say her nay, for she was as lonely as if she had been the most unlovable woman in Christendom—probably more so, for she was so poor no one ever thought of tolerating her crossness, or of calling it eccentricity.

Arnold was a puzzle to his friends—to those who knew him best most of all. Gentle and deferential to ladies always, passionately fond of children, and, though scarcely over twenty-five, on the high road to business success, no one knew of his ever appearing to be in love, or of offering his hand in marriage.

A devoted brother to his one married sister he proved, and his Aunt Helen was as fond of him as of her own sons.

"Why don't you get married, Arnold?" was a question that met him at almost every turn.

"I am looking for a wife," he would answer, almost earnestly; "but I must find her in my own way."

He went out in society a great deal, but he seemed as fond of the wall-flowers as the belles. He spent his summer vacations in traveling; he subscribed to all the society papers; he was acquainted with the brightest and most fashionable young ladies far and near—yet he never appeared to fall in love.

"Has Arnold ever had a disappointment?" questioned an old lady of his Aunt Helen, one day.

"Never, you may be sure, or he would be soured in some way. Besides, I have known Arnold intimately every year of his life, except, perhaps, his last in college, when I was in Europe. But if he had fallen in love that year, he would never have graduated as he did!"

So it was settled, and Arnold went his way, a wonder among men.

This afternoon, while his eyes looked out upon the wintry scene, his heart looked back over many years—or what seemed many years to him. He saw in a corner of a half-warmed, half-lighted church, a young girl seated upon a pile of cedar-boughs, weaving wreaths of cedar and hemlock and holly, her eyes drooping half over her work, and half because his own sought them so earnestly.

Her cheeks were flushed, too, not altogether from walking in the wind, and her white hands, binding the boughs together, moved unsteadily.

He lingered over this picture lovingly; never since had he seen a face so sweet.

"To-morrow," she said (for he went on with the old memory), "papa is coming for me—after all, I shall not see the decorations here at Christmas time."

He remembered it all so well, even to the sorrowful lifting of the rare brown eyes.

"To-morrow, Ada!" he echoed, in regretful surprise, "if you go to-morrow, when shall we ever meet again?"

"I don't know," she said, bending her head over her work still lower, until he could see little but the crown of soft brown hair which was brushed back into a heavy braid that swept the boughs beside her. And then, in explanation of the whole, she drew from her pocket a letter, and placed it in his hands.

It was from her father, and he read it, the angry blood mounting to his face, and he was slow to anger, too. It was a harsh letter, saying her aunt, with whom she was staying, had written word that Ada had forgotten herself, and given her promise to wed one of the students, although she knew he had other plans for her.

He was coming for her at once, and, as there was no reason for delay, she must prepare to wed her Cousin Carl the coming Easter tide.

"Is your cousin ugly or old?" Arnold asked, as quietly as possible.

"No; he is young, he is handsome, he is kind—but, ah, I do not love him, and I never will!"

"But you will be obliged to marry him, Ada."

She looked up into his face—a frightened glance.

"There is but one remedy," he answered, stooping low as he spoke, that no one in the church might hear. "Marry me to-night, and you are free from him and safe with me."

She shrank from him, catching her breath quickly, and then looking back into his face, alarm upon hers.

"If you love me, Ada," he said, "you will marry me to-night, here."

It was growing late; the ladies who had been busy in braiding festoons and garlands were beginning, with their escorts, to disperse. The young rector, who was Arnold's friend, and also an especial favorite with Ada's aunt, now approached the pair—he was to accompany Ada home. Arnold briefly, but passionately, told him his story. The rector, Mr. Ward, was eloquent and devout, a favorite with the congregation, but sometimes, people said, acting upon too sudden impulses. He heard the story and, his own heart sore from parting with the loved woman he loved because her father interfered, he said:

"I will marry you—it is the only thing you can do."

Ada hesitated, afraid to take the step, and Arnold tried his powers of persuasion, while the rector went to speak to the old sexton, an iron gray man, who never spoke to any one, except when addressed. One by one, the people were going, and at last only the rector, the sexton, Arnold and Ada were left.

"I will marry you," Ada said, at length, "if you will allow me to go home with Mr. Ward as though nothing had happened. Do not attempt to claim me until after you have graduated, and upon my part, I will not tell my father until you come, except I find it necessary to keep me from a second marriage. I will write and tell you whither I go, so you may know where I am always, and then I will wait for you."

To this he consented—Mr. Ward thought it wisest, too—and they were married, the sexton giving the now pale and anxious bride away, the ring being an old-fashioned circlet that had been Arnold's mother's, and was set with two rubies and a pearl.

The ceremony over, Arnold had but a moment in which to embrace his trembling bride, kiss her cold lips, and whisper reassuring words into her ear, when there was a rap at the church door.

Ada's aunt had become alarmed at her absence, the fear of that "dreadful student" being in her mind, and had come to see her safely home.

At the sound Ada slipped, fainting, from Arnold's arms, and Mr. Ward sent the sexton for restoratives and to open the door, while he dragged the unwilling Arnold into the street, bidding him go home and be a man, or he would spoil all.

This did not prevent him from prowling about and returning from "the dragon's," as he termed the residence of Ada's relative, in the carriage with Mr. Ward, who assured him that Ada had recovered, but was so pale as to excite the sympathy of her father, who arrived during his sister's absence; and all things considered, it was not probable that he would take her away next day.

So Arnold went to his lodgings, rose and attended his classes the following day, getting through them he scarcely knew how, for he received a message from Mr. Ward at noon, saying Mr. Haven had taken Ada away in an early morning train.

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That was nearly five years ago, and Arnold had not heard one word from her since that eventful night. He searched for her, quietly, always; he never doubted her faithfulness and truth.

Mr. Ward had since lost favor with his congregation, and gone across the Continent; even Ada's aunt had disappeared—there was no clew to his lost wife remaining. He was growing tired of waiting, and never was he so weary of it as on this winter afternoon.

The conductor now came to collect his ticket; the next station was his last. He looked up and saw the sunset sky was blood-red and glowing—it had touched with a rosy brightness the threadbare patches of snow.

The train was curving slowly round one hill before it began the ascent of another, and presently there came in view a pretty, modern country-house in gray, touched up with red, its windows shining in the red light like a mine of rubies.

Arnold snatched up satchel and umbrella, and went out upon the platform for a lingering look at the house, which, pert looking as possible, was perched at the foot of the hill. As the train still curved, he was rewarded with another glimpse of the house, the end of it being now in sight, and a lighted lamp within showed an invalid's easy chair, a geranium gay with flowers, and, lastly, a young girl watching the train.

One glance, and then he looked with heart and eyes, for surely this world could never hold two such faces.

He descended one of the platform steps, and leaned farther over to make assurance surer still; and then a sudden jolting of the car, together with the excitement of the moment, caused him to lose his hold, and he fell headlong down the embankment, and on down the hillside, striking branches of trees, projecting rocks and frozen ground alternately, but failing to grasp anything to stay his fall, until it was arrested by the very gate posts near the door of the house he had been watching.

The girl rushed out. She had seen it all, but failed to recognize in the fuller form and heavily mustached lips her lover-husband of five years ago.

"Is it possible you are not killed?" she asked, with more nervousness than discretion, as she knelt by his side.

"I don't know," he said, stunned and dazed and benumbed by a hundred bruises. "I only know"—making an effort to clasp her hands—"I have found you at last, Ada, my wife."

Then she knew him, and as, with a pleading glance, he looked into her face, which gradually changed to unconsciousness, she bent over and kissed his mouth.

"Ah, what a strange marriage and what an unfortunate lot!" she cried. "He leaves me in a dead faint a moment after marriage, and five years later comes fainting back to me! My good Ursula, do not tell me he is dead!" to the middle aged woman who now came and also knelt by Arnold's prostrate form.

"He is not dead!" Trust me, Miss Ada," the woman replied. "But let us get him into your father's chair, and send for Doctor James."

So when Arnold came to his wits at last he was lying in the very invalid chair he had watched from the car. The geranium, with its red flowers, stood at his feet, and beside him, applying restoratives, and chattering over him like a mother would to her infant, was the girl wife he had sought so long, who received him as though she had believed in him all these years, just as he had trusted her. And then the doctor came and she was sent away, and an hour later she was called back to hear the result of his injuries.

"Nothing serious, I assure you," the doctor said "There is only a sprained ankle, a fractured wrist, a bruised shoulder, a skinned and battered knee, and a few other slight contusions here and there. Mere trifles, Miss Haven, I assure you," seeing her horrified face. "It is a very unfortunate occurrence," mistaking her look, and speaking in a loud aside, "but it won't be necessary to have him upon your hands for more than a week. In fact, if you object to his remaining, he can be removed without much pain in two or three days. He will probably be feverish at first, for he is pretty well bruised; but as soon as that is over he can go to the hotel. If you wish, I'll engage rooms for him at the Hilltop House, and have a carriage sent for him at the first possible moment. From his appearance, I judge he can stand the expense."

"Pray, don't trouble yourself," she answered, so coldly, the doctor wondered what was the matter. "Mr. Wait is an old friend, and I shall certainly keep him here until he is quite well."

But after the doctor had gone, and Ada had sent Ursula to look about some supper for the invalid, she shook her finger at Arnold, and warned him not to speak of their marriage, upon pain of death.

"It will create so much talk," she said, when he began to interpose objections to such a course. "Everybody takes me for the most demure spinster in the world. Wait until you are well, and then we will be married over again, if you are still of the same mind."

It was no use for him to say a word. She coaxed him and finally she kissed him, and, of course, she had her own way. And then she told him how her father had taken her directly to Canada after their wedding, where, when she found him still determined upon her marriage with her cousin, she at last disclosed the fact of her previous marriage. Out of revenge he had her watched like a nun, and every attempt to send a word to Arnold was frustrated. This went on for years, when he was taken ill, and then, since the physician pronounced his malady a fatal one, he bound her by a promise, to refrain from writing Arnold until after his death.

This done, he returned to the States, bought a cottage within a few hours of the city, where they remained until his death, which occurred only a month before.

"And now," she said, "he is gone, and I am free. I am of age; he has left his whole property to me as Ada Haven, but without restrictions. I fancied, by your remark when you landed so unceremoniously at the gate a short while since, that you were glad to find me, and, though I strongly object to the manner of your coming, I am glad I was not obliged to send you word before you came, after all. I have heard of your irreproachable conduct, and it was frightfully hard to wait and not send for you, as I had promised. But now we have found each other, we must keep the past a secret, or no one will ever believe, in demure maidens and good little boys any more."

"But you don't consider me at all," he said, laughing; "nevertheless, think how hard it is to be married, lose your wife for five years, and then when you find her, to be obliged to woo her all over again. If I am, however, I give you fair warning, Mrs. Wait, the second wooing will be shorter than the first."

She blushed at the title he gave her, and held up her hands deprecatingly as Ursula's step was heard in the passage.

"I'll manage you somehow," she laughed, and, being a woman, she did.

She sent for his Aunt Ennis as soon as she heard of the old lady's existence, and, much shocked, his affectionate relative repaired to Ada's cottage to assist the poor girl in taking care of Arnold, and he was too kind hearted to be cross about it, whatever he thought of the proceeding.

As soon as he was able to sit up and hobble about the room, Aunt Ennis disclosed the reason for her invitation.

"I haven't money enough to leave to keep a cat alive," she said; "but I've in my possession a set of really valuable rubies that an old aunt of mine once gave me, and everybody thought I had sold to keep body and soul together. So I said I'd leave 'em to my nephew that thought the most of me; or, if they all liked me well enough to come out and stay over Christmas, I'd divide the lot among them. So here they are, Arnold, for a wedding-present to your wife."

The old lady opened the casket, which truth compels me to say was a paper-collar box, and exhibited a really fine set of rubies.

"I thought I had fallen into a mine of rubies the other night," said Arnold, and I was right after all," as he held up the glowing gems for Ada's inspection.

And Ada had them for a wedding-present, for they were remarried before the beginning of Lent, making a nine days' wonder for society people, because Arnold had fallen in love so abruptly at last.

"You have a most excellent husband," said an old lady to Ada, a few days ago, "but were you not a little afraid to accept a man you had known so short a time?"

"Oh, no!" returned Ada, hastening, with her usual good nature, to answer the rather doubtful query. "I had heard of Mr. Wait before, and besides, he threw himself at my feet in so emphatic and earnest a manner the evening he left the cars so abruptly, it was impossible for me to refuse him."

Found Out.

The London *Globe* narrates the following striking French anecdote—one of the many illustrations of the maxim that "murder will out." Providence pursues guilt, and will shape circumstances so as to expose it at last. It would be hard to find a more vivid example than this of detached evidence, accidentally pieced together, to convict a criminal.

In the reign of Louis XIV., a brilliant abbe was one of a large party who had assembled round the royal supper-table. There were clever talkers, sharp dealers in epigram, skillful bandiers of compliment and repartee.

One lady, famous for her wit, being asked to name the three sights that gave her the greatest pleasure, replied, "A great general on a war horse, a great preacher on a platform, and a great thief on a gallows."

The abbe added to the mirth of the evening by telling the adventures of a gay and memorable career.

"I remember," he said, "very well the first patient who came to my confessional. I was young then, and little accustomed to hear the secrets of Court life. It was a murderer, who told me the story of his crime."

The abbe was pressed to tell the tale, or give a clew to the culprit; but he kept a guarded and wary silence.

Presently in came one of the most trusty of the King's favorites.

"Ah, M. l'Abbe," he said, recognizing an old friend; "gentleman, I was the first patient whom the abbe ever shrived and I promise you, when I told him my story, he heard what astonished him!"

That night the nobleman was carried to the Bastile, and the evidence of a crime, committed thirty years before, was complete, and the culprit detected.

The Boar's Head.

It was in the olden time when Baron Rowdedow held possession of all the German provinces that a grand Christmas dinner was prepared for all his retainers, and the great event of the day was to be the bringing in of the boar's head, which dainty dish was to grace the center of the table. But it so happened that the chief cook fell ill, and his place was filled by a young Milesian, and he it was that stood by the chief door when Baron Rowdedow called forth in a stentorian voice:

"Hence, knave, and bringst unto us the boar's head."

And he of Ireland wot not what was meant, because in his isle a pig was a pig. Yet he bethought himself, and went forth, and returning, sat before Baron Rowdedow the head of a book agent who had devasted the baron's domains with a book sold only on subscription, of which there were 999 parts and an index.

And the Milesian said, "Here, sur, is yer bore's head." And the baron and his retainers did laugh a laugh of great joy, and such a Christmas was there never before held in those parts.—*Derrick.*

German newspapers have been searching for the longest word and have found one with 66 letters, but "though often used in conversation" it is not given in standard dictionaries.

HUMOROUS.

The man who had so elastic a step wore rubbers.

How a man decides where he will build his house—By lot.

"I shall be well read after this," remarked the noble savage, when he stole a pot of vermillion paint.

A bird that lives on the finny tribe is a fish-hawk; and the man who sells the finny tribe is a fish-hawker.—*Lowell Courier.*

If George Washington cannot have a monument he has had a pie named for him, and that is better.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

One Vermont firm manufactures twenty-seven different styles of washboard. Its wares are in hot water most of the time.

Soapmakers may give each other the lye with impunity. In other lines of business it is safer to be a little cautious in this respect.

An exchange says: "The bicycle is a great thing to put flesh on a man's legs." It is also a great thing to take flesh off a man's nose and other portions of his face.—*Norristown Herald.*

When Adam was in his bachelorhood he found his nights lonely, and always welcomed the morn with gladness. Still, for all that, he was happier when Eve came.—*Somerville Journal.*

You never heard of a defaulting editor, never. Of course, there is very little to default, barring paste, but honesty comes as naturally to an editor as drinking water.—*New York Commercial.*

Being pursued by a bull a Michigan man had presence of mind to discharge some tobacco juice in the animal's eyes and thereby escaped death. Don't let anybody make you believe that tobacco is unhealthy.—*Free Press.*

Mr. Vennor is a great friend of the medical profession. "Me and you," says the professor, "is sometimes away out in the diagnosis, but we can always correct it when the weather happens."—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

A French wit observes that if a woman tells you, "I'll never speak to you again in my life—there!" rejoice and return; but if she says, "I shall always be glad to see you at any time," travel! When a woman loves you she will pardon all—even your crimes, but when she no longer loves you she will not even forgive you your virtues.

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

Fashion Notes.

Feather turbans hold their own.

Loose-wristed gloves remain in vogue.

Shaded stripes are a feature of the season.

Spanish laces grow finer and more elegant.

Red plush dresses grow in fashionable favor.

Bottle green is the favorite material for ulsterettes.

Leopard plush is worn by young women and children.

Novel and exquisite fancies are shown in make-up lace goods.

Plush is imported for trimming hats, bonnets, dresses and wraps.

Faceted pearls are used in the formation of the high Medicel fraises.

New shoes for evening wear are made of velvet, and faced with silver cords.

For home millinery, where one has bits of velvet, plumes, tips and made feathers, capotes, cottage and scoop bonnets, as well as hats, of every shape, are found ready covered in fur, velvet, felt and plush, to be trimmed to suit one's fancy and purse.

A Splendid Set of Jewels.

Mrs. Lucy Hooper, in a letter from Paris, says: "I have recently been shown one of the most magnificent sets of jewelry ever gotten up in Paris for an American lady. It was manufactured to order by the firm of Tiffany & Co., for the wife of ex-Governor Stanford, of California, and consists of a necklace of large colored diamonds intermixed with small white diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds, all of the purest water. A band of large yellow diamonds encircles the throat, each set in smaller white stones. Below this band is placed a floriated design in small white diamonds and colored stones extending in deep points. Between each of these points is suspended an immense yellow diamond, set in white diamonds and attached to the upper part of the necklace by a ruby, emerald or sapphire. There are five of these pendants, the central one being the largest, and having once figured in the collection of the Duke of Brunswick. This magnificent ornament is accompanied by a comb, a brooch and a pair of earrings to match, and the necklace itself takes to pieces, and can be converted into pins, hair ornaments, etc., while the upper row of diamonds can be worn as a necklace without the pendants and the pointed floriated band. The cost of the set has been estimated at $80,000. Besides this truly royal *parure*, Mrs. Stanford has become the possessor of three brown diamonds, one set as a ring and the other two as earrings, which are said to be perfectly unique in the world of jewels.

The largest and finest turquoise in the world is in the crown of the Russian czar. It was found in the mines of New Mexico nearly two centuries ago.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Oregon produces four, five, six and seven-leaved clover.

The number of vertebrated animals is estimated at 20,000.

The Laplanders suffer more than any other nation from the annoyance of gnats.

The average annual crop of an orange tree is from six to eight thousand oranges.

A vessel recently carried scientifically frozen fresh meat, fresh eggs, and everything else, all the way from Australia to London in perfect condition.

Wild geese "swarm like bees" around Washoe lake, Nevada. The smokestack of a passenger engine one evening knocked three fat old ganders out of a flock that was flying across the track.

The total effective strength of the French army, in 1882, will amount to nearly half a million men and 126,000 horses on the active establishment, without taking into consideration the reserve and territorial forces.

Governor Murray, of Utah, sent Governor Crittenden, his half-brother, of Missouri, as a silver wedding present, a silver brick weighing eight and one-half ounces, and inscribed, "1856. O. J. [monogram] 1881. Affectionate congratulations of Elf and Evelyn. Utah-Missouri."

Johnny came home from school the other day very much excited. "What do you think, pa, John Steward, one of the big boys, had an argument with the teacher about a question in grammar!" "What position did Joe take. "His last position was across a chair, with his head down."

A City of Perfumes.

A writer in *All the Year Round* says: The Tunistan Arabs have a passion for flowers, and as soon as their spring commences, even the poor and the raggedest may be seen with a delicately-scented blossom stuck above his ear, the stock resting amid the folds of his turban and the flower projecting forward over his dark cheek. I have been told by those who have thirty years knowledge of these people, that they will almost go without bread to buy flowers. And there is something in the sight of a gaunt toil-worn Arab, whose sole garments may consist of a piece of coarse sacking and a ragged old turban, with a bunch of delicate spring blossoms drooping their cool freshness against his swarthy cheek, which stirs a strange mingling of sympathy and pity and admiration. The perfumes distilled at Tunis have been famous from time immemorial, and I really think the Tunisians are right when they declare that their roses are sweeter than all others. There is one very large, rather pale rose in particular, from which the famous attar is extracted, which exhales an odor so powerful and yet so delicate that it scarcely seems a figure of speech to speak of "odors of Paradise," and one can understand that the Mohammedan's heaven would hardly be complete without it. But at Tunis it is not only the rose which is made to yield up its sweet breath, to be afterwards imprisoned in cunning little caskets and sparkling crystal flasks enriched with gilding, suggestive to the wandering fancy of the Arabian Nights' haunted traveler (and who is there who is not continually haunted by that wonderful book from the moment he finds himself among oriental scenes?) the imprisoned spirit of some fairy in eternal subjection to the powerful genii man. The odors of the violet, the jesmine, the orange-flower, and many others are extracted with equal skill, and in the bazaars mingle their scents with the perfume of sandal-wood and other sweet smelling woods whose names I do not know, and with that of the curious and most odoriferous dark substance which the natives call amber. If you go by perfumes the vendor will perhaps offer you a little ivory box (Arabian Nights again!) or porcelain vase containing a scented unguent for the hair, or may be a string of beads to hang around your neck, apparently thinking it of small consequence in what way you perfume your person so that the desired odor is conveyed to the senses. In Arab houses incense sandal-wood is frequently burned on charcoal braziers. The Arabian women of the higher class are extravagantly fond of highly-scented ear-rings, bracelets, etc., and a lady told me on being introduced into the apartment of a newly-married wife, she saw suspended on the wall a magnificent kind of necklace, almost as large as the collar of the order of the golden fleece, formed of scented woods and amber, enriched with plates, and beads of pure gold finely worked. The ornament perfumed the whole apartment, and my friend was informed that in well-to-do households it was always to be found in the chamber of the newest wife.

Sagacious Seals.

A man living at Montreal, Canada, some time in the winter of 1877-78, obtained two young seals, and after feeding them about a year they became very tame, and would go into his house and stay an hour or two by the fire, and then go out and take a swim in the St. Lawrence, returning again to the house, and striking their flippers against it to gain entrance. Finally he decided to send them off, and gave them to a steamboat pilot to carry forty or fifty miles down the river, which was done; but the next morning the seals made their appearance again as usual, and are now in his keeping as pets.

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A DEBT MATURED.

There is much talk about changes in the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

It is claimed by the friends of Dr. Ruffner, the present incumbent, that he has run the office independent of politics. This may or may not be true But one thing is certain and that is he has not run it independent of prejudice against color. If he be worthy of retention in office, and it be the pleasure of the powers that be to continue him in it, we shall be the last to raise our voice against him, except that we shall tell him or any other man who treats our race wrongfully that he has no right morally nor legally to do it.

We should not like to see the office run as a political machine, but if that is the only way in which justice can be obtained by our race, then we are in favor even of that.—*Virginia Star.*

We indorse every word of the above. The country has not forgotten the notorious sentiments of Mr. Ruffner about the Negro or the "separate text book question." After all that he has made a capital Superintendent. Still we see no reason why, if only for four years, he be not made to learn that there has been a revolution.

THE MINORITY REPORT.

What effect will the minority report of Mr. W. H. Smith have upon the final decision of the Board of Trustees, in the case of Prof. Gregory *vs.* School Board? From our knowledge of the "stuff" of which the School Board is made, we have no hesitancy in predicting that the effect will be merely to exasperate that honorable (?) body. For how could it do otherwise? Can it be supposed for an instant that the present Board *could* brook the assumption that a colored person has the right to attend a colored school? What though there be a constitutional amendment against unjust discrimination "on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude?" Is it to be presumed that a Board, representing the prejudices, as well as the rights of the white patrons of the District, would supinely yield to the *preposterous* notions of the colored people regarding their rights to enjoy the privileges of the public schools? Of course not. The colored people must, if they would have their rights, apply to the courts of justice, for an exact interpretation of the statutes creating separate schools. Such recourse alone will secure to them the rights of untrammelled citizenship. The issue is a new one here in the district, but if we would have a settlement of it, let it not be hoped that the Board may "overstep the provisions of the statute" and admit the child of Prof. Gregory clandestinely, but rather that that a positive refusal of the Board may provoke a point blank decision which will forever settle the question. We are not predisposed to revolutions, but if justice dictates them, why, perhaps we can stand it. We claim full justice, *even if it ef revolution.*

ATLANTA, with a colored population of 18,000, has among these at least twenty societies, with not one of them owning a hall or any real estate. Since the war they have paid out $75,000 as rent to white landlords. So says the *Weekly Defiance.* Bad as this is, in Washington, on the whole, it is worse.

RECOGNITION.

Since there is a deal of speculation as to the composition of President Arthur's new Cabinet, we would desire that our position relative to the claims of the colored people to representation may be fully understood by our reader. It has always been our claim that the Jacksonian political doctrine is the only one which insures proper policy with party preservation. Hence, in following out the principle that "to the victors belong the spoils," special reference should be had to the forces or elements which have been instrumental in bringing about party victory and a distribution of "spoils" be made upon the basis of actual party representation. As a class, the colored people have, heretofore, manifested no special disposition to clamor for high official recognition as the price of their loyalty to the Republican party. Such failure, however, to ask for recognition has not been in consequence of any confessed disqualification on the part of the colored people. There were problems to be solved in which the capacity and merit of the colored people were leading factors. There were questions raised by the truest friends of our people as to whether under the most promising conditions the colored people would develop a fitness for government anything like that shown by the whites of this country. Under such a fire of severe criticism the colored people, feeling their own ability to become proper citizens, were willing to abide a reasonable time within which to show to the world positive proofs of the falsity of the doctrines of Negro inferiority. A reasonable time has elapsed and as a result it may be said that there are hundreds and thousands of colored people well qualified to take in and appreciate all the conditions of society and who show a fitness for government far exceeding any other race or class recently initiated into American politics. We claim that now, since we have established our adaptability to American society and shown a party loyalty and "patient merit" for many years, it is time for us to insist upon our proportionate share of substantial political favor. When it is remembered that the colored people form quite one-fourth of the Republican party; that through the timely instrumentality of their suffrages the institutions of America have been preserved; that there are now many among the race who are prepared to fill with honor any office to which they may be called; we grow earnest and, if need be, desperate in our claims to proper recognition. If the colored people fought to save the nation against treason and are still supporting it with their ballots, it is no more than reasonable that they should be consulted as to the means of preserving it. They should not only have one Cabinet officer out of the seven, but they should be represented in the same ratio throughout the entire civil service of the government. They should have a proportionate share of the Post Offices and Collectorships. There should be Bureau officers and Chiefs of Divisions and a full share of the different grades of clerkships in the different Executive Departments among the colored people. There are sufficient colored men to take up all that falls to their race; but not so many that it becomes us to fight one another in the support of our respective favorites. Let us present the claims of the colored people with one accord and it may be well for our race.

The daily colored foundling was found last night on Massachusetts avenue near Fourteenth street and taken to St. Ann's Asylum—*National Republican* Nov. 24.

What may we suppose was the feeling of the colored people who read the above *squib* on the morning of Thanksgiving day? What opinion had they of the existing condition of things? The whole people of the United States had just passed through a series of events well calculated to test the stability of American institutions. The effects of assassination had been "tided over." The suffering consequent upon the unprecedented drouths of the past summer, in the West and Northwest has been largely ameliorated by immense contributions. The industrial and educational advancement of the people has been marked by results which command the interest and admiration of the world. The genius of trade and manufacture has manifested itself in the South to the fulfillment of the most liberal prophecies. The reflex of American self-government has brightened the statute books of many foreign powers and the influence of her intelligent Christianity is felt in every part of the civilized word. The Indian, the German, Irishman and Englishman and what not, who have cast their lots with the whites of the United States are so merged in the great body of American people as to be entirely without identity with regard to discriminations. Surely the *whole* people, in their Christian charity, should be thankful for this. Surely the operation of the goodnsss of Providence, in these particulars, upon American institutions, is to be received with thanksgiving. Even the colored people who, however just may be their claims to recognized constituency in the organization of the body politic, are yet distinguishable from the rest of American citizens in the fact of their nonentity, must be grateful, too, for these national blessings. And they were truly and heartily grateful. But, as they read the article in *The Republican*, in which there was shown a disposition, on the part of the whites, to besmirch the fair reputation of the colored people of the District, did not the colored people feel some embarrassment, some humiliation? That a paper, professedly the champion of the rights of the colored people, should openly and falsely charge to them a "daily foundling," suggests to us that they are not only not our friends, but a most dangerous enemy. Why *The Republican* should thus wilfully and maliciously attempt to belittle the colored people we are unable to say. Perhaps it is because they have, from their initiation as American citizens until now, exhibited a fidelity to the party it represents. Perhaps it is because the colored people have shown *alarming* fitness for the fulness of citizenship. Perhaps it is because he is ready for mixed schools, free speech, free thought and complete independence. Perhaps it is because there is a peculiar consistency in insisting upon the full exercise of the rights of the colored man and maintaining at the same time that he is unfit for society. There is something small in these attempts of our Republican papers to belittle a class whose progress has been unprecedented in the history of the world—whose advancement social, intellectual and material has enlisted the sympathy and admiration of Christendom, except, perhaps, the the editor of *The Republican.* We do not know at what *The Republican* is driving, but we venture the assertion that no other paper calling itself Republican would be guilty of so unfriendly an attack upon the colored people. Once for all, we denounce the statement of *The Republican* as not only false and malicious, but as issuing in bad odor from a Republican paper, and belying its oft repeated assertion that it has a deep interest in the welfare of the colored people.

PERSONAL.

W. J. Hardin, a colored man, has been re-elected a member of the Wyoming Legislature.

Cadet Whittaker spends his time at Flushing, L. I., awaiting orders and pursuing his military studies.

One of the finest drug stores in South Carolina is owned and managed in Charleston by W. H. Dingle, a colored graduate of the South Carolina Medical College.

International Revenue Collector Jas. T. Rapier, colored, ex-member of Congress, besides making a good officer is engaged in planting. He employs 300 hands and his crop this year has brought him $10,000.

Mr. A. F. Hilyer, associate editor of the "Northwest Review," has been elected Salutatorian for the Minnesota State University Class of '82. Mr. Hilyer is the only colored man in the University and is a native of Georgia.

Hon. J. E. Green, of Cleveland, member elect of the Ohio Legislature, received 16,677 votes. The highest number of votes received by any one elected on the legislative ticket was 16,387, while one white man elected received 393 votes less than Mr. Green.

Thousands of ladies have found sudden relief from all their woes by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, the great remedy for diseases peculiar to females. Send to Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, 233 Western Avenue, Lynn. Mass., for pamphlets.

How One Thing Brings on Another.

Last year in the holidays Miss Amelia Tilghman was invited to participate in a concert in New York. She succeeded beyond measure. One enthusiastic correspondent wrote a letter to *The National Era* loud in her praise. The managers of the Sængerfest in Louisville, Ky., saw it and thought she would make a capital *prima donna.* They wrote to the proprietor of THE ADVOCATE for her address; it was given and announcement was made in these columns that she would be asked to fill the *role* of *prima donna.* Miss Tilghman accepted, went, succeeded. She learned a lesson by her trip—that in the matter of musical organizations and musical culture the colored people of Louisville and Cincinnati could teach our people here a thing or two. While west Miss T. heard the Cantata of Queen Esther sung by the Queen City Choral Society, and determined to exert herself to have Washington make an effort to render the same piece this season. The concerts of Thursday and Friday night as a result speak for themselves. If Miss T. Had not gone to New York and the flattering notice been published, our Louisville friends would not have heard of her. If she had not accepted, succeeded, and withal been such an intelligent observer, the trip would have been profitless as far as our community is concerned, and we would have had no Oratorio this season. Now let us have a *permanent musical organization.*

Colored Journals.

It is a lamentable fact that some of our contemporaries so far misunderstand the idea of the work to be advanced by colored journalism that their whole tone, their entire influence, their total energy is employed in a political direction. Can it be that colored newspaper men have but one idea, the one advanced by Guiteau? my whole duty and the duty of my friends is to hold office, the party who best supplies me and my followers in this particular line is the ideal party, while the party who fails to see in me a vast political bearing, fails to see that I am a representative of so many votes, fails to give me and those I recommend the best offices, is to be held up before the colored American citizen as a party full of failings and unworthy of their support.

Avaunt with this idea! Let us as journalists see some other road to be traveled beside the political road, although it be paved with gold.

As a race we do not need any more especial attention, we need men who will make sacrifices in order to better their condition socially and intellectually; we need to admonish our boys and girls to choose a life of well requited toil, to look upon other subjects as worthy of their attention besides professional politics. Our ideas are too narrow, our whole talk is give us recognition, etc. Let us drop this mode of action, stop this puny whining for political plunder; we can thereby do infinitely more good than we are now accomplishing.—*Weekly Review.*

Good News From Denver.

From the Denver (Col.,) *Star* we note many items of interest showing that the colored people of that city are making steady progress. A Brick Burners' Association has been organized which proposes to burn at least a million bricks next spring. Several brick residences are to be erected by colored men, among them one costing $3,000 by Mr. Irving Williams, formerly of this city. Two ladies are arranging to establish a millinery store that will be able to give employment to five girls, and lastly a hotel is to be built in the spring that will have seventy-five rooms.

EXTRA PREMIUMS.

To the YOUNG LADY who sends us ten subscribers, each for one year and the money fifteen dollars, whether the names and the amounts be sent all at once or not, (before the first of January 1882,) we will send the ADVOCATE one year free, also *Demorest's Illustrated Monthly Mayazine* for one year.

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PULPIT ORATORY.

BY "ESKIAM."

The hallelujah oratory, which in former days was so enervating to Christian audiences, has of late been supplanted by a ranting declamatory, which borders at times so closely on burlesque ravings and extravagances that a worlding mistakes the desk for the stage and vents his merriment in bursts of laughter, or touched by the frantic gesticulations—illustrations of a happy or an unhappy soul—till in sympathy for illustrator and his apparition he shudders with horror and disgust. If a deist, he becomes indignant at the portraiture which makes his God even more cruel than man-eater. If a skeptic he enjoys the exhibition and similes, as their inharmonies inure to his taste and theories of apologistic dissuasion of *truths* and belief in the Christian doctrines, and if an intelligent believer in the trinity, the clownishness of the preacher as well as the inelegance of his language, and no less than the harsh metaphors which he employs, in the attempt to demonstrate the co-equality and the union, it is as unpleasant to the eye as the heart upon which it grates.

Quite recently I attended—as a mark of respect to his wife and esteem of his daughter, whom I loved—the funeral of a warm friend, who had died suddenly and without making any confession of forgiveness of his sins, and amid the weeping of fond dutiful wife loving children and mourning friends the minister, a student of —— College, burst right out: "He's gone to hell; he's there blowing live coals around the throne of the devil." On another and similar occasion, and in the city of Washington, and while yet the melodious strains of the choir's echo seemed lingering about the windows and up in the lofty ceiling, and like as they will, the softening notes and indelible words, "I would not live always, I ask not to stay," were dwelling within, the orator let loose in a wild, mad way, "Yes, she has danced herself right into torment, and you who have been dancing with her at your big balls will dance with her no more till the archangel sounds his trumpet, and then, if you ain't got the password to heaven, you will dance with her again at the ball which the devil will give his saints in hell."

The third Sunday in the month is looked forward to with much anxiety. On that day Elder —— comes to preach and to collect his salary, and though the day was very warm the edifice in which he was to preach was early crowded and I found it difficult in obtaining even standing room. However, for an hour or more I listened to the orator—for, indeed, to give him another appellation would be calling a lily a snow ball—pour out his grandiloquence to the crowd, sometimes taking the people down to the sea to look at Peter walking thereon, and then to the fiery furnace glowing with heat, with the three Hebrews in it unscorched. So vivid were his portrayals one could almost see Peter stepping upon the white crest waves, from one to another, as we have seen the stormy Petrel skip from billow to billow, and then, by the twitchings of the crowd, the heat of the furnace was realized, as they looked into it and saw the children moving to and fro, as Barnum's Salamander moved in and out the fire, unconscious of heat. Had he stopped here the remembrance of Paul's preaching would have been undisturbed—at least for a day; but he took us up into heaven in a hyperbole, and promenading the golden avenues, wending our way up to the throne of Jehovah, you will be conveyed by the thief and the harlot whom the father snatched from the brink of eternal damnation and redeemed. Sinner, sinner, can't you see Jesus coming in the clouds? Look up there; see that cloud descending, it is made up of angels. Methinks I hear their wings rattling and I hear the one nearest God say, "Father, turn loose thy wrath and destroy the liar and the thief, the winebibber and whoremonger. Show no mercy unto them that have violated thy law," is what this gifted man said, and tried to say it in one short breath, and only ended when he got choked, and yet this ranting is surpassed by the sermon which Rev. —— preached over Sam Fly, an old sailor who died in New York City. "He has sailed the seas over, crossed the great oceans, been up the lakes and the Mississippi in calms and in storms. He danced on the foot ropes mid lightning flashes and thunder peals and landed through breakers high as monuments safely on the shore from the wreck. Here lies the bones of old Sam Fly; he's gone on his last voyage. The name of his ship is *Lost.* She is bound to the port of destruction and I think I see him dancing on the foot-ropes while the thunderbolts of the devil's artillery are hurled at him, and as the ship goes on the reef of purgatory there I see Mr. Fly leap amid the fiery breakers of hell and sink to rise no more." The vast congregation grew warm as the preacher went on in this strain for half an hour at one time, ending the sentence quoted. The audience became wild with enthusiasm. These brief synopses of sermons, delivered by men who are considered intelligent, shows to what extent even intelligence may be misused and the kind of oratory which has superseded the pulpit oratory of thirty years ago.

During the late war, at Father —— church, which sat quite near the Federal camp, a startling scene was witnessed. A revival was going on and, of course, the singing and shouting were loud and noisy and greatly annoyed the soldiers. The commanding officers of the troops notified the pastor that at 11 o'clock every night revival services must be closed. This night the fervor reached a point never reached before. The entire congregation gave up and joined in shouting and singing. The bell, which none ever dared to disregard, rang for order, but in vain. Again and again did Father —— ring the bell, again and again he appeal for order, but all to no purpose. It was long past the hour to close the services. Maj. Stanhope was exceedingly good to the poor freedmen and refugees and Father —— did not want to displease or disobey his order; but to-night the bell that had never failed to command silence rang in vain. "The Holy Spirit has taken charge of you to-night, I give up," shouted the venerable preacher from the pulpit, and now, indeed, that vast congregation grew wild and delirious—women threw their bonnets and shawls up toward the ceiling, men mounted the back of the benches yelling, all bawling and shouting at the top of their voices inaudibly a hymn. A few minutes more they went down upon their knees and for a second all was quite save the low mutterings of a few in the amen corner, but the prayer, a woman of exceeding strong lung power and physical nerve, straightened herself up upon harkness and exclaimed: "David, David, throw one of your stones in here to-night and knock some sinner —" Again the throng went wild. The yells, shouts and the frantic wildness beggar description. It was like the indistinguishable roaring sound one hears in a subterranean cave when the elements are angry—the sea above driven into billows. In the midst of this heat—this turmoil, excitement and frenzy a file of soldiers marched up the back stairs in rear of the pulpit and then in front. The Sergeant gave the command, "order arms." Five muskets fell to the floor. The congregation startled into civilization and retired without hearing the order of the Sergeant, or the benediction.

I have wished more than once that Mr. Trotter had added a chapter in his excellent book—"Music and some highly Musical People"—on the musical oddities of the colored people. I will note some of them for your readers during the coming holidays.

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LOCAL.

Articles for the LOCAL COLUMNS must reach this office by Thursday morning. All other communications not later than Wednesday morning.

Societies and churches wishing local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises, in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—Hon. John R. Lynch, of Mississippi is in the city.

—Rev. E. S. W. Peck lectured at Asbury to a small audience Monday night

—See Mr. Thompson's new advertisement. His is the place to get your money back.

—A meeting of the bishops of the A. M. E. Church was held at Union Bethel Hall on Wednesday.

—Dr. Porvis' reply to Dr. Palmer's malediction was such a crusher that the latter has hurried up his trip to Europe.

—Do not make any other engagement for next Friday night but to go the 19th Street Baptist Church to their literary entertainment.

—The concert that came off at Lincoln Mission Monday night, though it was postponed was quite a success; nearly two hundred persons were present and seemed to be well pleased.

—St. Mary's P. E. Church, on Sunday next at 11 o'clock a. m., preaching and the celebration of the Holy Communion by the Rev. Dr. Schubert. Vesper service at 4 p. m. Seats free, all are welcome.

—Thanks to the Committee on Invitation to the First Reception of the Capital City Guard. The entire community, white as well as black, is proud of this company and we wish them success.

—Mr. D. F. Ferguson possesses a fine baritone voice and has it under full control. He has made a very fine impression upon us and will be always cordially greeted both professionally and socially.

—Hon. G. W. Witherspoon, of Florida, the contestant to a seat in the second congressional district, is in the city and the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Demby, 122 Maryland avenue.

—Rev. J. C. [illegible], who created quite a breeze in A. M. E. circles by a communication to the *Christian Recorder*, while in Europe, arrived in the city last week and is awaiting orders. He will probably go South, either to North Carolina or Texas.

—There was a grand rally at Asbury last Sunday during which a collection of $321.40 was raised. $300.40 was the amount reported from the entertainment, making in all $621.80 for the recent improvements.

—We call special attention to the advertisement of Mr. Coolidge. Those in need of furniture, crockery ware, carpets, etc., will do well to call on him, for his goods are at a very low figure. Call once and you'll be sure to go again.

—Mrs. Josephine Davis deserves credit for the success she has made in establishing her confectionery store at 714 K st. N. W. It is a first class stand, she has neatly fitted it up and supplied it with Buckingham's finest confections. Give her a call and you will find that the one-half has not been told.

—Bishop Payne preached a highly interesting and instructive sermon at the 15th Street Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning last on the origin and spread of Christianity, after which a handsome collection was lifted for the work of Foreign Missions.

—Miss Amelia Tilghman gave a delightful entertainment at the residence of her parents on Saturday evening last in honor of Mr. Furguson, of Cincinnati; among the guests present were the principal singers who assisted in the Cantata, and Rev. and Mrs. Grimke, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan, Mrs. Sella Martin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Greene, Frank Hyman, esq., Mr. and Mrs. Merriwether, Miss Robinson, of Ohio, the Misses Barrier, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Murray and others.

—"Out of Place"—this was the title of a very entertaining lecture Monday night at the 19th Street Baptist Church by Rev. T. Doughty Miller of Philadelphia. The audience was only fair. Had it been more extensively advertised it would have been otherwise. The reverend gentleman occupied the pulpit Sunday morning, afternoon and night—preaching in the afternoon to the Grand Lodge of Masons—each time to crowded houses. He also lectured last week to the students of Wayland Seminary.

—The Monday Night Literary Club, held a large and brilliant meeting this week. Rev. F. J. Grimke was in the chair, and T. J. Minton read a highly interesting paper on "Young men in History." The essay was by William E. Matthews, esq. who wrote in a pungent and clever way on "Pulpit and Pew," in which he made an elegant plea for more reason, tenderness, illumination and practical Christian work from the pulpit; and less dogma and ranting. The essay promoted a long and learned discussion, which was participated in by Bishop Payne, Prof. Greener, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Martin, Rev. and Mrs. Grimke and others. The club has wisely concluded to take up a particular branch of study for the winter and have chosen English Literature from Chaucer to Victoria, to be opened by an essay by Mr. Minton.

—The Historical and Literary Association of Union Bethel Church, met on Tuesday evening, with a large audience in attendance. Mr. Jones and Miss Kennedy, performed on the piano, to the delight of those present. Mr. J. W. Cromwell read an excellent paper on the Ethiopians, showing great study and research in its propration, the audience listened with rapt attention and at its close gave hearty applause. Bishop Payne spoke on the subject and suggested a question for next discussion, "What forces are now in operation for the redemption of Egypt." The president also made a few remarks on the question. The programme for Tuesday evening next, December 26: Essay, "Eminent men of the Negro Race," by Rev A. W. Upshaw; Select Reading, Tennyson's "Lord of Burleigh," by Mrs. R. J. Smith; Subject for discussion, "The Zulus their Racial Connection," by Rev. Cheeks.

"Esther the Beautiful."

The sacred Cantata of Queen Esther came off as advertised Thursday and Friday nights of last week at Lincoln Hall. On the first night the hall was quite full; on the second about six or seven hundred were present to testify to the appreciation of the public. Considered in its entirety it was a grand success, it being the first time that a company composed so largely of younger persons without previous experience in operatic or oratorio music, had essayed the rendition of so beautiful a cantata as Queen Esther. The result has proven that there is talent which needs but to be intelligently and thoroughly trained to produce really artistic performances. The first night there was some jarring and delay between the parts, but the second night everything worked more smoothly. The acting was not all that it might have been. Had more attention been paid at the rehearsals the result would have been better. There were several features and passages exceedingly meritorious. While we are about it let it be stated that the costumes were *beautiful and appropriate*. The piece opened with the Persian chorus, Homage to Haman "Behold this Mordecai in scorn." The obsequiousness of the Persians and the haughty manner of Haman (W. T. Benjamin) were well displayed both in song and acting. The next scene shows King Abasuerus (D. F. Ferguson, of the Queen City Choral Association), on his throne of state entertaining and approving Haman's plot. There is a song of joy between them, but they were appalled by the song of the prophetess, (Miss Otillie J. Somerville) whose full contralto notes were distinctly heard all over the hall. Miss Tilghman, (Queen Esther) it must be remembered, has not the physique we look for in a queen—especially in one who is chosen for her *commanding* excellences; but she made up in sweetness of appearance what she lacked in other respects. Her first appearance was in the third scene, with the Jews bewailing the impending destruction. The duett which followed between her and Mordecai (R. W. Tompkins) was quite realistic. The chorus which followed was full and strong, but not deadening the clear voice of the Queen. The tenor obligato was a gem. "In thee do I put my trust," accompanied by the chorus was very acceptably rendered by Mordecai's sister (Miss Mamie Nichols). The duett between Queen Esther and King Abasuerus gave excellent opportunity for the shrill, clear soprano of Miss Tilghman and the excellent voice of Mr. Ferguson. Zeresh, the wife of Haman, has an alto voice not very strong, but very sweet and true, which was displayed to better effect on that account in duetts than in solos. She was one of the very best, if not the best, lady actor. She seemed to enter into the very spirit of the occasion. The Grand March of boys and of girls was very well done, eliciting hearty encores both nights. The invitation to the banquet, the banquet scene and the *denouement* were all quite realistic. The duett between Mordecai and Zeresh "Do I wake, or am I dreaming?" after the exaltation of the former and the humiliation, of the latter was one of the sweetest and at the same time one of the most touching airs of the cantata—the notes of one were those of mingled rapture and those of the other were of pain and remorse; but they blended as perfectly as if they had been attuned for the same sentiment. With the grand chorus "Praise the Lord" which brought out distinctly all the leading voices the curtain fell. Here let it be stated that Mr. William T. Benjamin, as Haman was in keeping with his reputation. He had more of the artist about him than any other of the male performers. Miss Amelia Tilghman and Mr. J. H. Merriwether both deserve special honorable mention for The Cantata—the former for its conception the latter for its execution.

BALTIMORE NOTES.

It is now rumored that Mr. Harris will soon lead a fashionable young lady to the altar and great preparations are being made.

Among the incidents of Thanksgiving observance on the 24th ult. were the marriages of Miss Mary Snowden and John Kelley, Miss Ella Brooks and John Bishop, of Annapolis; and Miss Jones and Mr. Davis, of this city. All took place at the respective churches of the bride and proved quite a financial success in the festive morn.

The "Athens Social Club" have secured a beautiful suite of rooms handsomely furnished as its regular place of meeting in St. Paul St. near Saratoga. The present officers are, Mr. Malachi Gibson, prest., H. W. Roberts, vice prest., and Mr. Henry Arnold, sec. Mr. John W. Adams has charge of the corresponding department and the coming ball to be given is said to be the climax of the social season.

The tableaux and concert given by the Bethel Sunday School on Thanksgiving Evening, was by far the grandest event ever given by the said Sunday School. Mr. Isaac Myers the superintendent made himself felt in the community of entertainments. With a beautiful well printed programme telling of the living pictures to be presented on that evening the entertainment threw back its curtains and fully one thousand persons were present to witness the exercises. Rev. L. J. Coppin asked divine blessing and the company followed next with a chorus and the rest of the programme was nicely executed in detail by the respective members.

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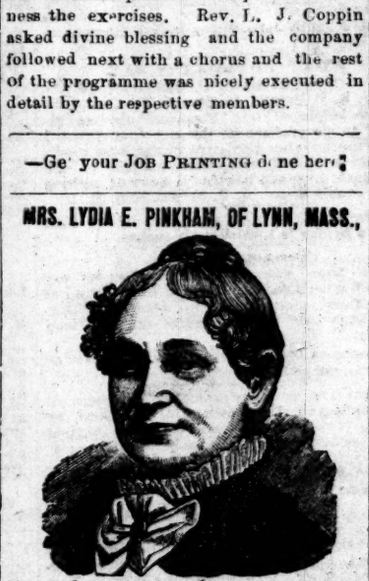

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THE NEWS.

The management of the Atlanta Cotton Exposition has decided to close the exposition on the 31st of December.

Insurance Commissioner Foster, of Philadelphia, believing that the State Capital Mutual Life Insurance Company, doing the largest business in the city, has not conducted its work in accordance with its charter, has ordered a thorough examination of the company's books.

H. T. Derrey, a telegraph operator, was cowhided in Baltimore by a Miss Josephine Buck.

The called meeting of the stockholders of the Virginia Midland Railroad Company was held, and the trustees for the reorganization advised the issue of $1,500,000 of first preferred stock, $2,500,000 of second preferred stock, and $800,000 of common stock.

Danford, the owner of the banks at Hounewell and Caldwell, Kansas, recently closed, and Smith, his cashier, were arrested on the charge of receiving deposits after they knew the banks to be insolvent and must close. A very bitter feeling prevailed among the losers, and lynching was threatened.

The foundry of R. J. Kilpatrick, of South St. Louis, was burned. Loss estimated at $20,000; insured $5,000.

The store of F. H. Marion, hats and furs, at Rochester, N. Y., was burned. The loss is estimated at $40,000; insured for $21,000.

A fire occurred in one of the public school buildings of Baltimore. Nine hundred scholars were in attendance, all of whom were relieved with but trifling injury. The fire department put out the fire before serious damage to the building was done.

In the Supreme Court at Wilmington, Del., an application was made by counsel for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for a commission to assess damage to certain land in Delaware for the new line between Baltimore and Philadelphia. It was granted.

The coinage at the United States mint in Philadelphia during the month of November aggregated 7,285,000 pieces, valued at $7,693,400. This amount was made up of 383,000 eagles, 562,000 half eagles, 1,000,000 silver dollars and 5,340,000 cent pieces.

A. W. Heyer, druggist and glucose manufacturer of St. Clair county, Ills., made an assignment. His assets are $35,000; liabilities not stated.

At a recent trial in Baltimore City court, judgment was rendered against husband and wife for debts contracted by the lady previous to her marriage, thus settling the question of a husband's responsibility for a wife's indebtedness before marriage after marriage.

They have adopted a prompt way with defaulting savings-bank officers out in Kansas. The citizens seize and hold them as security for the money, notifying the officers' friends that unless the money is paid up, the collateral is in imminent danger. This resembles Punch's plan for insuring the safety of railroad trains by forcing the directors to ride on the locomotive.

Southern News.

caught fire and was totally destroyed, together with a quantity of cotton. The loss is estimated at $5,000; no insurance.

A letter from Atlanta to the Baltimore Sun says: "It is gratifying to realize that the people of the South are taking as much interest in the cotton exposition as the people of other parts of the country, and that the fair has become so much of a success as all accounts represent it to be. Nothing could be of greater importance to the cotton belt, where it is intended that manufacturing shall go hand in hand with production, than an exhibition on the soil where the raw material is grown of all the achievements which industry has accomplished in textile fabrics. The South is in position to make the lessons of the exposition valuable. It has never been so prosperous as it is at this time, and its people are in a condition to take further steps toward that continuous material development to which climate, soil and unique productions invite the skilled labor and capital of the country."

At Willspoint, Texas, the jury in the case of the State against Mrs. Effie Heacock for the murder of her husband, by administering strychnine, has returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, and has fixed the punishment at imprisonment in the penitentiary for life.

A large party of Saxon immigrants passed through St. Louis on their way to Arkansas. They formed the third instalment of a colony of 5,000 or 6,000 that is being planted in the vicinity of Little Rock by a colonization society in the old country.

An Aberdeen, Miss., special says: "Four men with a wagon passed through here, stating that they were from near the Alabama line, and were going to Arkansas. They camped three miles west of here, and some persons passing by found them lying on mattresses covered with quilts, and each with his head split open, as though with an axe. No vidence of robbery was visible."

We hope they will not have a "Kurnels' Day" at Atlanta. It would leave the women and children of North Carolina entirely without protection.—[Wilmington (N. C.) Morning Star.

Private despatches report the destruction of the business portion of the town of Kusciu an Miss., by fire.

Trustworthy accounts from all sections of South Carolina concur as to the blighting effect of the hard freeze on the cotton fields.

An affray occurred in the penitentiary at Knoxville, Tenn., between McDaniels and Lambert, two convicts, in which the latter killed the former to death.

The courthouse at Decatur, Texas, has been burned. Loss, $15,000.

A special from Augusta, Ark., says: "A fire burned the entire business portion of this place. Over fifty buildings were consumed. The total loss is estimated at $200,000; insurance about $75,000.

The grand jury of Fulton county, Ga., found true bills against the cashier, president and directors of the broken Citizens' Bank.

Postmaster General James and party, after a pleasant tour through Florida, have gone to Atlanta, Ga. As a result of the visit of the Postmaster General the mail service in Florida will be greatly improved.

The Florida Times, a new morning daily, Messrs. Jones & Barbour proprietors, made its first appearance at Jacksonville. This gives Florida two dailies, the Union, of Jacksonville, being the other.

A fac-simile of the South Carolina ordinance of secession was sold at auction in Charleston for $1.50.

The hardware store of Ballery & Co., at Jefferson, Texas, was totally destroyed by fire. Loss $50,000.

G. D. Herring, the Southern Express messenger of the Iron Mountain Railroad, disappeared from his train with some money packages. He subsequently returned to Cairo, Ill., voluntarily, and refunded the entire amount he was accused of appropriating.

The residence of Dr. L. C. Norwood, a prominent physician of Whitesville, Harris county, Ga., was burned, and he perished in the flames. It was a fine house, well furnished, and everything in it was lost, including a considerable sum of money.

Two colored men, Jordan and Craig, were hanged by a mob near Sheppardstown, Miss. They confessed to having murdered Robert Catlin, near Huntsfield Landing.

I. Levy & Co., dry goods, Louis Mayer & Son, tobacco, and C. D. Block & Co, tobacco, all of New Orleans, have failed. The establishments are under seizure.

A Terrible Murder in Texas.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat furnishes details of a horrible murder on the Brazos river in Texas, committed by a party of negroes. They had stolen a bale of cotton and hired Arthur Armstead, a half crazy colored boy, to haul it away. Afterwards fearing that Armstead would expose them, they resolved on his murder. They carried off the boy, and in spite of his pleadings for time to pray, proceeded in their horrid work, which is thus described by the correspondent: One of the ruffians then shot the victim in the back of the head, another shot him in the neck, and the third in the side, the miserable wretch still begging for time to pray. When Armstead had fallen and was dying, the murderers drew their knives and also an axe, with which they cut his throat from ear to ear, and literally cut off his head. After giving a few blows the neck was so severed that the head hung only by a slender thread of muscle. Determined to make a clean job, they seized the head and forcibly twitched and wrenched it from the shoulders. After it was entirely detached intelligence did not seem to suddenly desert the brain, but the tongue and mouth continued their vitality, and the trunkless head actually uttered and spoke two words and muttering, but which sounded like "P-p-pray." The tongue then became silent forever. The whole party were arrested, and are awaiting trial in Fork Bend county jail.

Foreign News.

Barbacoas on the fifth instant, while plying between the mouth of the Sinn river and Carthagena. She had forty persons aboard, and a cargo valued at $30,000. She had scarcely got to sea when a gale sprang up, and in rolling about in the heavy waves she shipped a sea, which put out the fires and made the vessel helpless. The boats were few and frail, and practically useless. The steamer sank in a few moments, carrying down thirty-two of the forty persons on board.

The American delegation at Berlin celebrated Thanksgiving Day by a grand banquet.

The State of Ireland continues unsettled, Several arrests under the Coercion act were made.

Spain is negotiating with the Vatican on the civil marriage question.

The Spanish steamer Jovellanos recently foundered, and fifteen persons were lost.

Another plot against the Czar has been unearthed, and a number of arrests have been made.

During the hunt of the Kildare hounds three hounds were poisoned at Sallino. The master of the hounds consequently stopped the hunt and cancelled the fixtures for the future.

A mob of 500 people attacked the Armagh Hunt Club at Ballymacnabb. Many of the horses were severely stoned.

A number of Irishmen who gained admission to the town hall at Newcastle prevented Mr. A. W. Dilke, member of Parliament, from addressing constituents by organized groans and hisses.

Three arrests were made under the Coercion act, including that of the secretary of Castletown branch of the Land League.

A despatch from Berlin to the Pall Mall Gazette says the Emperor William, besides suffering from a cold, is greatly enfeebled, and was obliged to postpone an interview with Prince Bismarck.

Signor Elmore, the Peruvi minister at Washington, has received cable advices from Peru, informing him that President Calderon and Senor Galvez, minister of foreign affairs, had been arrested on or about the 9th instant by the Chilians and taken to Santiago.

In consequence of Baroness Von Coutz marrying an American, she lost a large part of her valuable estate.

Arrests under the Coercion act continue to be made in Ireland. In a speech at Blackburn Lord Hartington said the work of the sub-commissioners under the Land act was extremely difficult.

The Roumanian government has renewed for a year the prohibition of the importation of American pork.

Prince Bismarck denies that the result of the late elections in Germany is a condemnation of the policy of the government.

The would-be assassin of General Scherevine, of Russia, is a decayed nobleman named Nicolay Sankowsky.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of English Free Masons, on the 7th of December, the Prince of Wales will move a vote of condolence with the family of the late brother, James A. Garfield.

Mr. Forster, Chief Secretary for Ireland, will probably remain in Dublin during the winter.

The election of French senatorial delegates will probably result in a victory for the Republicans in twenty-five departments out of thirty-two.

Arthur Lefroy, the murderer of Frederick Gold, was hanged.

The British Parliament was reprorogued to the 7th of February.

The committee of the French legislature on the Franco-Italian treaty have decided to recommend the adoption of the treaty without modification.

The steam yacht Lucerne collided with another vessel near Gravesend, recently, and sank, seven persons being drowned.

Prince Bismarck defended his policy in the Reichstag.

Three tenants in County Cork who had paid their rent were shot in the legs, it is supposed, by anti-rent men. Outrages of this character in Ireland are increasing in frequency.

Signori Mario and Capricciosi, of the Lega Della Democrazia, a newspaper of Rome, have been sentenced to fine and imprisonment for publishing articles insulting to the Pope.

The General Council of the Seine recommends the construction of a canal to connect the Atlantic Ocean with the Mediterranean.

A druggist in New Richmond, O., Mr. E. J. Donham, writes us the following: "I consider Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup one of the very best things made. I use it altogether in my own family and can therefore recommend it.

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It is like a treasure house, a store house for all sorts of valuable and useful things, and which are to be had without money and without price.

It is like a deep, broad, calm flowing river, the banks of which are green and flowery, where birds sing and lambs play and dear little children are loving and happy.—*Exchange.*

Religious News and Notes.

The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, formerly of Philadelphia, has been voted a pension of $2,000 a year by the people of St. Paul's church, Montreal.

Of the 878 Baptist churches in the State of New York, at least 350, it is said, are not able to support a pastor.

The American board of commissioners for foreign missions received within a year past, $102,380 from women's societies, and $5,370 from Sunday-schools.

During the year ending May 26, 1881, George Miller received for his orphan houses at Bristol, England, and several missionary objects, the extraordinary sum of $164,500.

It is said that nearly half of the strength of the Presbyterian church in the United States is in the states of Pennsylvania and New York.

Some men, when they go to church, never think of studying the frescoing on the ceiling of the edifice until the collection plate is being passed around.

A Chinese sailor said in prayer meeting, "The more I pray, the more I forget to swear." Another man arose and said. "The more I pray, the more I forget to grumble."

When a Methodist ordination service was recently held in Tokio six young Japs were ordained to the ministry. In connection with their ministerial vows they took a pledge to abstain from tobacco and from saki, which is the Japanese national intoxicating beverage.

The Lutheran general council has held its annual session at Rochester, N. Y. Ten synods were represented. The following officers were elected: President, the Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.; English recording secretary, the Rev. E. Belfour; German recording secretary, the Rev. Dr. Moldehnke; Corresponding secretaries, the Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, the Rev. Olson; Treasurer, W. H. Staake, Esq.

The Mosquitoes of Lapland.

In these latitudes the snow has hardly melted when the mosquitoes appear in countless multitudes, and the people having no rest night or day. In wooded districts they are a perfect plague in July, after which a gnat appears. This bites very hard during the day, but at night leaves one in peace, for it never enters the houses. Last comes a species of sand-fly, which is also very disagreeable. I was surprised, at a turn of the road, to see a black cloud. It was a swarm of mosquitoes, so thick that it was impossible to see anything beyond. I was hurrying the horse through it, when he suddenly stopped, and then I saw three men working on the road who had previously been invisible. This seems incredible, but such are the facts. Josefsson laughed and observed: "We have a saying here that when a traveler comes he writes his name in a bed of mosquitoes, and when he comes back the following year he sees it again."—*The Land of the Midnight Sun, Paul B. Du Chaillu.*

In Affectionate Remembrance.

"What shall I get you to remind you of me while I am away?" asked a fashionable Austin young gentleman of his intended.

"Do you want to get me something that will always make me think of you, when I look at it?"

"Yes, darling."

"Then buy me a monkey to play with."—*Texas Siftings.*

An ex-consul of Great Britain says, the Brooklyn *Eagle*, related that Mr. Charles Townsend, Sedalia, Mo., was cured of rheumatism of the worst kind by St. Jacobs Oil.—*Indianapolis (Ind.) Sentinel.*

It seems that competition has forced the price of false teeth down so low that it isn't really worth a body's while to cut his natural open.

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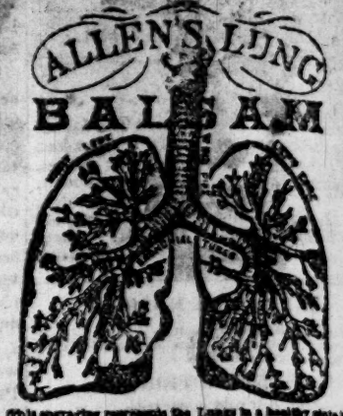

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